

## **Calton Weavers Memorial 3rd September 1787**

It should not be forgotten that 205 years ago, in response to a vicious wage cut imposed by the weaving employers, weavers in Glasgow and the West of Scotland took strike action. During a large protest demonstration a confrontation took place at the Drygate Bridge over the Molindinar Burn when the military who had been called out at the request of the Lord Provost of Glasgow were ordered to fire on a peaceful demonstration crossing the bridge. Six weavers were killed and a large number wounded.

It is to the undying shame of the magistrates, most of whom were merchants, that the Lord Provost gave the colonel in charge of the military the Freedom of the City of Glasgow. He also presented to each soldier a present of shoes and stockings from the city funds.

At a period when the working class has been under attack for many years, anti-union legislation has become acceptable amongst our so-called leaders. The Friends of the Peoples Palace feel we should reaffirm our solidarity for martyrs prepared to die for these principles.

We hope that all the people of Glasgow with an interest in retaining the real and proud history of our city will congregate at the

**Calton Burial Ground, Abercromby Street  
1 p.m. Saturday 5th September 92**

where Elspeth King will unveil the new memorial stones dedicated to the immortal Calton Weavers of 1787.

Norman Bissell of the E.I.S. Lanarkshire Area will address the congregation as will Jim Freil of the printers union G.P.M.U.

Come along. Bring your trade union banners.